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Council Members Present: Jon Camp, Chair; Terry Werner, Vice-Chair; Annette McRoy, Ken Svoboda, Patte Newman, Glenn Friendt.

Council Member Absent: Jonathan Cook

Others Present: Mark Bowen, Ann Harrell, Darl Naumann, Lin Quenzer, Mayor's Office; City Clerk, Joan Ross; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Directors and Department Heads; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Members Camp, Friendt, & Svoboda; Tammy Grammar, City Council Staff and Nate Jenkins, Lincoln Journal Star Representative.

Mr. Camp stated to everyone 'thank-you' all for waiting and he knows that it has been along morning, but they're going to have what they'll consider an expedited Director's Meeting. Mr. Camp stated that he believes the Mayor had another obligation and so he asked Mark [Bowen] if he wanted to present anything on behalf of the Mayor. Mark Bowen stated to Mr. Camp 'yes'. [Mark's comments under "I. Mayor".]

I. MAYOR

Mark Bowen stated to Council that just so they know what happened and what was said at the news conference this morning [at 11:00 a.m.], he asked Allan Abbott to start by highlighting it and then follow with an update on the storm that happened last night.

[Allan Abbott passed around to Council a map for them to look at] Allan Abbott stated to Council that he will pass the map around so they can take a look at it and stated that Nicole Fleck-Tooze drew up this map to show how the rain fall did hit Lincoln last night and the blue is between 2 and 3 inches and at the Airport they got less than an inch. Mr. Abbott stated to Council the flooding that occurred was primarily in the Antelope Valley Corridor, which is testimony to why the Antelope Valley Project should proceed, 56th & "R" Street, 21st & "N" Street and all the area that it comes down is over [inaudible] top 5 foot-3 feet of water. Mr. Abbott stated to Council that they did have a lot of signals out and indicated that Terry Bundy from LES said that this was probably the worst lighting storm that he could remember, so they had outages out all over the City. Mr. Abbott stated to Council that they did lose power at their treatment plants for most of the night, but it is restored and they lost power for one of their main pumps for water, but it has been restored so that's back in place. Mr. Abbott stated to Council that most of the traffic signals are now operating and indicated that they've had very few calls on sewage backup and that might be because they haven't checked their basements yet or whether there was very few back-ups. Mr. Abbott stated to Council the bad news is that according to Doug Ahlberg that there maybe a repeat tonight and so that's basically what they had from Public Works. Mr. Abbott stated to Council that they did have people out obviously all night long and they will have people out tonight if necessary.

[Lynn Johnson passed around to Council some photos to look at of the rain fall damage] Lynn Johnson indicated to Council that this is the corner of 21st & "N" Street, they can see on the fire hydrant that the water was about 2 ½ foot deep and then there is a car with only debris on the car. Mr. Johnson stated to Council that there is also a photo of the debris on the pedestrian bridge across Antelope Creek, which it did over catch the channels and then right after that you can see the debris line of water washed into the Kuklin pool, so they had creek water running into the pool. Mr. Johnson stated to Council so Kuklin pool is closed for today, but it should open again tomorrow if the water quality is coming up. Mr. Johnson stated to Council that also at Woods pool because of the construction going on there with the [inaudible] ground and the Tennis Center improvements that there is a [inaudible] fence all the way around the pool, but there was enough rain that it reached the [inaudible] fence and they have a significant amount of mud that got dumped into the pool, so Woods pool is going to be closed at least today and tomorrow and hopefully it will be up to operation on Wednesday. Mr. Johnson stated to Council that the Lewis fields had about a foot of water, which are the fields that are just north and east of Lincoln High School and there's about a foot of water over the top of those ball fields. Mr. Johnson stated to Council that in two of those fields the water was moving enough that it showered some of the infield material off of the two fields that are closes to the creek, so it will probably be tomorrow night before those fields are playable. Mr. Johnson stated to Council that there was some tree damage and Steve Schwab said that he thinks that they're going to have about 20 street trees that will have to be removed. Mr. Johnson stated to Council that they had enough damage done on cars and indicated that they're cleaning up branches and that kind of thing afterwards. Mr. Camp commented that they understand that they were covering and protecting Annette's car. Lynn Johnson commented to Mr. Camp that's what he hears. Mr. Camp 'thanked' Allan Abbott and Lynn Johnson and asked them to keep them alert tonight.

Ms. McRoy stated just from talking about the storm and indicated that this is more for the Public Works & Utilities Department that she had a constituent call her at 12:15 p.m. last night and wanted her to come out and look at the alley on 27th between Potter Street, which is the one that she did the Request For Information on a few months ago because they want it paved and there was water in their basements and cars were floating and they were very upset. Ms. McRoy stated that they called the Fire Department that they wanted someone to help open the drain so the water could float in and the Fire Department called the Police Department and they said that they would arrest them if they touched the drain. Ms. McRoy commented which eventually they did open the drain, so by the time she got there the water was going down because they decided to try to save what they could from their houses and so she was out there until 1:30 a.m. in the morning looking at water. Ms. McRoy stated that a lady that has a basement apartment the water was half way up the door, so they had to turn the power off and evacuate, so she thinks that they really have to do something with that alley and those drains back there because there was just all kinds of debris and garbage blocking the drain. Ms. McRoy stated to the Public Works & Utilities Department that the water was all the way up to these people pass their garages and indicated that she was glad that

she went out there because while she was gone the big branch fell across her driveway, so that saved her car a little bit because she decided to go out in the middle of the night to look at it because they wanted her to see it. Ms. McRoy stated that they were really upset and having 20 people yelling at her at 1:00 a.m. in the morning, she's not too happy about, so they have to do something about it. Ms. McRoy stated that she went to Mark [Bowen] earlier and he's going to work with her on it, but that drain, if they get another storm tonight, she would be afraid to go out there again. Ms. McRoy stated to Fire Chief Spadt that she also wants to talk with him after the Director's Meeting today because they had a complaint about his firefighters. Fire Chief Spadt stated to Ms. McRoy okay. Discussion continued with Council, Allan Abbott, Nicole Fleck-Tooze and Mark Bowen on this issue with comments and questions from the Council.

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City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council the only other thing that she has for them is the 'Reconsideration' of Mettlen, which is Item 14 [Application of Mettlen, Inc. dba Jax for a Class C liquor license at 2711 South 48th Street, #101 - Must apply for a special permit to sell on-sale alcoholic beverages in accordance with Section 27.63.680 of the Lincoln Municipal Code] and asked if they have any questions about it. Mr. Camp stated

that he thinks that they probably need some guidance here. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Mr. Camp that would probably be from the Planning Department and the Law Department. Mr. Camp asked the Planning Department for a quick explanation on Special Permits. Ray Hill stated to Council that it is a Change of Use, what they had before was the off-sale and going to the restaurant it's going to be on-sale and those are two separate Special Permits, which they had a pre-existing Special Permit for the off-sale, but they need a Special Permit for the on-sale. Mr. Hill stated to Council that one of the things that they're going to run up against if they're staying in the same location is the 100 foot separation from a residential district and Brian Will in their office has been communicating with the State, the City Clerk and with the applicant as he understands it. So, everyone knows what's going on, but at the present time what they're saying is that the Council needs to send another message to the Liquor Commission for them to hold off any decision until the zoning action can take place. Mr. Camp asked how did this fall through the cracks. Mr. Hill stated to Mr. Camp that he doesn't know for sure that maybe Joan [Ross] can help explain it. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Mr. Camp that her understanding is that at the Liquor Commission, they alert the applicant and Planning as well and when a Special Permit process is required the other people that should have noticed it would probably be her, maybe somebody in Law and maybe somebody in Planning. But, what she thinks happened on this one was that because it was an upgrade that they already had a liquor license, she did not stop to think that they would need a Special Permit process to now have a Class "C" to sell on premises and she doesn't think anybody at the Liquor Commission picked up on it either that their protocol is to contact the applicant and they're also not to refer the application to her because once they do that the 45 days starts to run. Discussion continued with Council, Dana Roper, Marvin Krout and City Clerk Joan Ross on this issue with comments and questions from the Council. Following the discussion, Mr. Svoboda asked the Planning Department where are they with the meeting that they had where they talked about it with Kent Seacrest the possibility of altering this Zoning Ordinance and asked if anything else has happened since that meeting. Marvin Krout stated to Mr. Svoboda 'well', mostly he has been sitting and waiting for the court cases to resolve and he really thinks that's probably a good idea and then he thinks that they're ready to look at options. Mr. Svoboda stated to Mr. Krout okay and 'thanked' him. Mr. Camp asked Dana Roper what does he recommend to them. Mr. Roper stated to Mr. Camp to reconsider. Mr. Camp stated to Mr. Roper okay.

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PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT - Karl Fredrickson stated to Council that on Frontier Meadows, which he thinks is Item #8 on their Agenda for today that Roger Figard asked him if he would say a few words on it and he knows that he has visited with them about it. But, he thinks the issue here from their stand point would be on the 'urban vs. rural cross section' and the subdivision is essentially the cost of what is done now vs. what is done tomorrow and the rural cross section that's proposed in there is narrower than our City Street Design Standards for urban right-of-way and of different materials. Mr. Fredrickson stated that a rough life cycle cost of those is that it's roughly half the cost to put in what they're proposing today and the life cycle of that is approximately half too and of course that's contingent upon traffic and several other factors. But, tomorrow when properties are sold and they have to go back in and then improve that as part of the taxpayers cost to the City and [inaudible] it's going to cost significantly more to those homeowners that are there existing and they have to do it. So, they're prime reference is that if they are going to annex these acreage settings in there now as part of the urban environment and they believe that they can provide curb and gutters [inaudible] to allow sidewalk for future children and whatever else to play on and traverse that neighborhood. So, that it isn't a lot of impact as far as tree removal or anything else in those neighborhoods and essentially then those people who want the larger lots would have to pay for the same infrastructure as in new development [inaudible] rather than deferring it to the taxpayers of Lincoln only State. Mr. Fredrickson stated to Council so that's why they are opposing whatever to the Street Standards or Design Standards. Discussion continued with Council, Karl Fredrickson and Ray Hill on this issue with comments and questions from the Council. Following the discussion, Mr. Camp stated to Mr. Fredrickson that he assumes that he will be at the Council Meeting this afternoon to discuss it. Mr. Fredrickson stated to Mr. Camp 'yes'. Mr. Camp stated to Mr. Fredrickson okay.

MAYOR'S OFFICE - Lin Quenzer stated to Council that they have had some communication with a resident abutting a partial alley that was vacated last year and indicated that Ken Svoboda had a constituent contact him regarding the vacation of that alley way. Ms. Quenzer stated to Council that one of the resident abutting that alley way had brought in a couple of loads of gravel with the intention of putting rock on the alley way and that's not the City's intention, they've been told to remove it. Ms. Quenzer stated to Council the other neighbors think that the City has now given them permission to rock that alley way and put in curb and gutter access to the other end of it and that is

not happening. So, if they do get calls on it, they can refer them back to her or back to the Public Works & Utilities Department. Ms. Quenzer stated to Council that they should be getting notification here shortly that any materials or any placement of any objects into that vacated right-of-way has to be with the City's permission and that was not done when this rock was piled up back there and so they have been given notice to remove it from the alley way. Mr. Svoboda stated to Ms. Quenzer so what's the or else on that. Ms. Quenzer stated to Mr. Svoboda or else they will remove it again and charge it back to them. Mr. Svoboda stated to Ms. Quenzer okay and 'thanked' her.

V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

PATTE NEWMAN - NO COMMENTS

GLENN FRIENDT - NO COMMENTS

JON CAMP

Mr. Camp stated to the Public Works & Utilities Department that the Vintage Heights Homeowners Association wants to really meet with them about the 88th & Old Cheney right-of-way acquisition that they've talked about. Karl Fredrickson stated to Mr. Camp that they will be setting up a meeting with them. Mr. Camp stated to Mr. Fredrickson that he'd appreciate it, they need a little tender loving care.

TERRY WERNER

Mr. Werner stated that he just wants to make sure that the alley paving from 48th to 49th that they're not going to have Herb Friedman come up on this side of the block and dispute and pay for the entire thing. [Mr. Svoboda's comments inaudible and the rest of Mr. Werner's comments inaudible - due to the tape cutting in and out]

KEN SVOBODA - NO COMMENTS

ANNETTE McROY - NO COMMENTS

JONATHAN COOK - ABSENT

Mr. Camp 'thanked' everyone again for waiting.

ADDENDUM (For June 23rd)

I. MAYOR

1. Washington Report from Chris Giglio - June 20, 2003. — NO COMMENTS

II. CITY CLERK - NONE

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS - NONE

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Sweating Out The Heat. — NO COMMENTS

PLANNING

1. Response Letter from Brian Will to Nancy Caudill - RE: Inquiry on Property Southwest of the Intersection of South 70th Street and Pine Lake Road. — NO COMMENTS

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

1. Response Letter from Scott Opfer to Charles Swingle - RE: The “landscape rocks” along portions of South 27th Street. — NO COMMENTS

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Letter from Gerald & Judy Bryant - RE: The Public Hearing on June 23, 2003 concerning Carl Schmidt’s Preliminary Plat. — Karl Fredrickson discussed this issue with Council earlier under “IV. Directors - Public Works & Utilities Department”.] (See that discussion)
2. E-Mail from Alan Embury, Embury Construction , Inc. General Contractor - RE: Frontier Meadows Preliminary Plat - Resolution #03R-145. — Karl Fredrickson discussed this issue with Council earlier under “IV. Directors - Public Works & Utilities Department”.] (See that discussion)

VI. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately at 12:27 p.m.

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